

L., *B. circe* Fab., *P. malvoides* Elw. & Edw., *A. lineola clara* Tutt., *O. venata esperi* Vty., *H. comma* L., and *Libythea celtis* L.

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PTEROSTICHUS KUGELANNI PANZ. (COL.: CARABIDAE) IN CORNWALL AND S. DEVON. — This colourful ground-beetle (= *P. dimidiatus* Ol.), an erstwhile denizen of such suburban localities as Hampstead Heath and Wandsworth Common, is now much rarer than formerly, and chiefly taken at irregular intervals in certain heathy parts of the New Forest—last in some numbers in 1970. I have seen no published record of its occurrence as far west as Cornwall, the nearest being for Saunton, N. Devon (Champion) and Bovey Potteries, S. Devon (Woollatt); the latter of these is probably new for the vice-county (1 ex., 28.iv.56). It is of interest, therefore, to report that the late Philip Harwood appears to have taken *P. kugelanni* at Cubert, E. Cornwall, in April 1911, as I have a specimen from his duplicates so labelled. — A. A. ALLEN.

A NOTE ON REARING PTYCHOLOMOIDES AERIFERANUS (H.-S.) (LEP.: TORTRICIDAE). — On 2nd July this year I was visiting Andrews Wood and Meenfield Woods in N.W. Kent—an area scheduled for devastation by the new M.25 Motorway link—when I noticed some fairly inconspicuous spinnings on the branches of Larch (*Larix decidua* Mill.). They were some 2 metres from ground level, each spinning being confined to one “tuft” of needles. All those examined were empty but, ever hopeful, a number were consigned to a plastic bag and forgotten. On 14th July the bag was examined and found to contain two *aeriferanus*. The moth was also noted at m.v. in the same woods on 22nd July.

This moth has become quite widespread since its discovery in Kent by Dr. E. Scott in 1952, but the only published account of finding the feral larva in this country appears to be by Styles (*Entomologist*, 88: 82) who found the larvae in Norfolk on 18th June, 1951 feeding “between larch needles”. He also states that pupation occurs within the spinnings, an observation which I cannot confirm, as all the spinnings I examined were empty! Wakely (*Entomologist*, 86: 302; 88: 141) suggests that *aeriferanus* may also feed beneath the bark of Larch or Norway Maple.

Perhaps other entomologists could be persuaded to publish their observations on the biology of this species? — P. A. SOKOLOFF, 4 Steep Close, Green St. Green, Orpington, Kent.